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COMMENT ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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The applicants appreciate the indication that claims 1-35, 37, and 39-44 are allowable in the Notice of Allowability dated June 29, 2005. The following comments are submitted responsive to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

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It is also noted that while the Statement indicates that one of the elements in an allowable claim is a "flexible membrane separated by an atmosphere (air)", independent claim 28 recites a "gas" rather than "air" or "atmosphere".

Respectfully submitted,

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